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Mr. Charles Bering
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Subject: New Bedford Harbor Program

Dear Mr. Bering:

In response to your request at the May New Bedford Status Meeting, I am enclosing the following:

1. Documents sent to Battelle by you, apparently submitted by the PRPs as part of the New Bedford litigation, that were used (in part) to develop our technical position that the processes of biodegradation are insufficiently understood and documented to be used in the physical/chemical transport model.

2. Comments on our manuscript on edible tissue/whole body ratios of PCBs that was prepared for the Buzzards Bay program using New Bedford data. The comments were received from Bruce Tripp; as is commonly the case, the individual reviewers (there appear to have been five) are not identified although based on the style the last set of comments appear to be those of John Farrington. I suggest contacting Bruce directly to confirm that and to identify the other reviewers.

Battelle intends to respond formally to these comments, many of which we believe to be unreasonable based on the scope of the small study, at a later date and I will provide you with a copy of that response. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Richard A. McGrath
Program Manager

